



Minutes
175th Annual Town Meeting
April 8, 2025

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF WILL)
TOWNSHIP OF JOLIET)

The Annual Town Meeting scheduled to be held in said Township and County in the State of Illinois, 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township Government Offices, Town Hall Meeting Room, on April 8, 2025, was called to order by Township Clerk Estefany Bonilla at 6:16 p.m. The following official business was transacted:

Clerk Bonilla welcomed everyone to the 175th Joliet Township Annual Town Meeting. The Clerk then lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moment of Silence: In recognition of Staff Sergeant Jose Dueñez Jr. who gave his life in faithful service to the United States while on a mission in Lithuania.

Verification of the Call:

Clerk Bonilla verified that the legal notice for this Annual Town Meeting was published on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in the Joliet Herald-News, that newspaper being one of the general circulation in Joliet Township.

For the record, notices of the Annual Town Meeting were also posted at:

- City of Joliet
- Joliet Public Library
- Township Government Offices and Meeting Room
- Township Website

Township Duties: Read by Clerk Bonilla.

Election of the Moderator:

The Clerk called for the election of a Moderator for this meeting. Alicia Morales moved to nominate Ms. LeShae Hudson as Moderator of this meeting. Seconded by Ms. Janet Diaz. The Clerk called two additional times to see if there were any other nominations for Moderator. There being no further nominations, Clerk Bonilla stated that they have one nomination for Moderator for Ms. LeShae Hudson. Clerk Bonilla asked for a motion to close nominations. Ms. Alicia Morales motions and is seconded by Sandra Aguirre. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards. Clerk Bonilla then administered the Oath of Moderator for the 175th Annual Town Meeting to Ms. LeShae Hudson.

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The Moderator asked for a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting minutes of April 9, 2024, which have been made available in copy form for these in attendance. Ms. Marge Fleet motioned to approve the 2024 Annual Town Meeting of April 9, 2024, minutes and was seconded by Sandra Aguirre. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards

Township History: Read out loud by Joliet Township Resident Ms. Marge Fleet.

Introduction of Township Officials and Others in Attendance:

Present during the 2025 Annual Town Meeting was Joliet Township Supervisor Alicia Morales, Highway Commissioner Vince Alessio, Trustee Raymond Slattery, Trustee Antione Edwards, Trustee Tanya Arias and Assessor James Brenczewski. In attendance was also Hebert Brooks Jr. District 6 (D-Joliet), Marge Fleet Laraway Central School District 70 C, Sandra Aguirre Joliet District 86 Board Member at large and PC 13, Joliet City Council Suzanne Ibarra, and Cesar Guerrero Joliet City Council at Large.

Financial Statements:

The Moderator stated that the financial statements of the Township have been posted in the Town Hall meeting room's wall for viewing. The Joliet Township's financial statements were on the east side of the wall and the Road District financial statements were on the west side of the wall. The financial statements were also posted on the Joliet Township Government's website, a copy in the receptionist desk in the Joliet Township building and a copy in the Clerk's Office. Attendees were welcome to inspect, look at, read, and ask questions about the financial statements displayed on the wall. The Moderator requested a motion and a second to approve the reports. Ms. Alicia Morales made a motion to approve all the financial reports. It was seconded by Mr. Archie Gavin. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards.

Moderator Compensation:

Every year the Moderator is compensated for their work leading the Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asks for a motion to approve compensation as the Moderator during this Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Amy Sanchez motions to compensate \$300 to Ms. LeShae Hudson for her work as Moderator and is seconded by Mrs. Suzanna Ibarra. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards.

Delegation of Power:

The Moderator motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 406-2025 which is an ordinance to regulate dogs found running at large. Clerk Bonilla explains how the ordinance allows Joliet Township Animal Control, in coordination with the City of Joliet, to issue citations and fines for dogs found loose without a collar or roaming. Mr. Archie Gavin motions and is seconded by Mr. Cesar Guerrero. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards. The Moderator then motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2025-02 to delegate authority to the Township Board to purchase, sell, and lease property for a period of twelve months and the setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body. The Moderator provided context, noting that understanding this resolution came from seeing its manifestation in the purchasing of properties like the Peter Claver Center and the recovery center at 180 South Chicago Street, which serve community needs. Ms. Sandra Aguirre motions and is seconded by Ms. Janet Diaz. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards.

Statement from the Supervisor:

Supervisor Alicia Morales delivered a statement outlining her administration's focus and achievements. The Supervisor expressed deep commitment to strategically developing and implementing programs and policies to positively impact the community through strong partnerships. Key areas of progress include the modernization of technology infrastructure, the digitization of records, and successfully securing grants for crucial services like community violence intervention and mental health services for first responders. The township also doubled their buildings by purchasing the Peter Claver Center and the Forest Park Community Center, facilitated by the adopted resolution regarding property transactions. Responding to community feedback, a transportation department was established, now operating nine Pace vehicles to provide affordable support to partners and free transportation for children in summer programs with organizations that have a MOU with Joliet Township. The Supervisor shared a quote from one of the communities' partners to reflect the positive momentum generated by their initiatives. The partner stated, "It's like the township woke up." This quote was used to emphasize the enthusiastic response from the community and partners to the changes implemented by the Township. Supervisor Morales announced that after many months of preparation, the imminent completion of the Forest Park Community Center's food pantry renovation was expected. The Supervisor mentioned having spoken with the labor contractors who assured her the finishing touches would be done by the upcoming weekend. The Township intends to hold an exciting ribbon cutting ceremony to showcase this revitalized space. This renovation is particularly important because the area around the Forest Park Community Center is described as a food desert, and the Township wants to continue providing food pantry services there.

Comments from Township Officials:

Joliet Township Government Trustee Antione Edwards began by congratulating Trustee Ray Slattery on his 20 years of service to Joliet Township and extended thanks for his dedication. Trustee Edwards also expressed appreciation for the work of the Township's General Assistance department, highlighting that they had processed over 600 tax refunds.

Public Comment:

District 86 Board Member and PC 13, Ms. Sandra Aguirre, addressed how proud she is to have the Township's Supervisor Alicia Morales, Angel Contreras and the staff members for helping the Joliet Community. Ms. Sandra Aguirre states that she is looking forward to seeing more done by the next administration.

Closing Remarks:

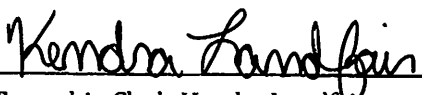
Clerk Bonilla thanked everyone for attending and being engaged in the 2025 Annual Town Meeting, highlighting their exercise of civic duty.

Set Time for the Next Annual Town Meeting:

The Moderator stated that the Annual Town Meetings are set by law and are to be held on the second Tuesday of April. The date is set by statute for April 14, 2026. Ms. Amy Sanchez made a motion to set the time of the 2026 Annual Town Meeting for 6:01 p.m. on April 14, 2026. Ms. Megan Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed by a show of vote cards.

Adjournment:

The Moderator calls a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Archie Gavin moved to adjourn the 2025 Annual Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Alicia Morales. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



Township Clerk, Kendra Landfair

These minutes were prepared by the former Township Clerk. By signing, the current Township Clerk attests that the minutes were approved by the Electors at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 14, 2026.